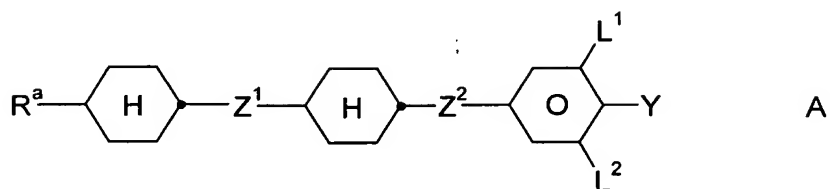


**Abstract**

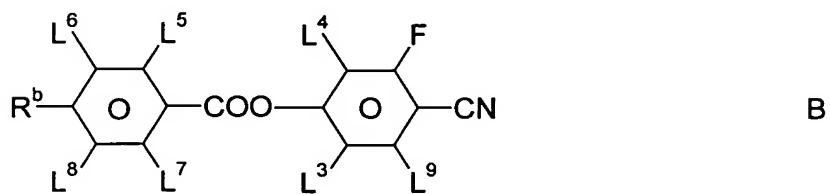
A liquid-crystalline medium which contains one or more compounds of formula A

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and at least one compound of formula B

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in which  $R^a$ ,  $R^b$ ,  $Y$ ,  $Z^1$ ,  $Z^2$ ,  $L^1$ ,  $L^2$ ,  $L^3$ ,  $L^4$ ,  $L^5$ ,  $L^6$ ,  $L^7$ ,  $L^8$  and  $L^9$  are as defined in the specification.

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